

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Claims 8, 9, 12, 14 and 17-32 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 16 have been canceled.

Receipt is acknowledged of Applicant's response / amendment filed on July 24, 2009 and also on September 28, 2009 and that have been entered.

Applicant's response / amendment and arguments have been fully considered and found persuasive with respect to the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and the rejection is hereby withdrawn.

During a telephonic interview with Mr. Brion Heaney (Attorney for Applicant) on September 28, 2009, Applicant has agreed to cancel non-elected claims 10 and 15. On the other hand, Examiner has agreed to rejoin withdrawn claims 12, 14 and newly added claims 17-32 with the elected Invention of Group I, because they commensurate within the scope of elected invention. Therefore, the restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn and hence, all remaining pending claims 8, 9, 12, 14 and 17-32 are now found allowable over the prior art of record.

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